

**OFFICIAL MINUTES**  
**The Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind Foundation, Inc. Meeting**  
**July, 2007**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paula Mason, Misti Lockie, Diane Miller for Tom Jones, Saunia Phillips, Mel Magnelli, Beth Cram

**ABSENT:** Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Tim Ledington, Janet Stout, Gretchen Spooner, Jeff Woods

**Guest:** Brenda Jensen

**Minute Recorder:** Misti Lockie

Paula opened the meeting at 3:05 pm.

The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. Paula motioned to accept the minutes, and Mel seconded. Minutes were approved.

Financials were reviewed. Paula mentioned that she had spoken to Tom about moving an item on the financials in regard to the Raptor Run last year. Diane said she would take care of it.

Email requests for funding follow-up from the missed June meeting were discussed. They were as follows:

CSI Deaf Students Orientation: they asked for \$500 to assist with this activity. This was approved through email. Diane will send a check to CSI for this.

Michelle Helms: this request was for \$595 for Michelle to purchase a plane ticket to attend a summer camp (two weeks) that helps develop job skills in criminal investigation. In addition, she is allowed to complete some testing, and receives recommendations from her instructors for future programs or jobs. This assists in her endeavors to pursue criminal investigation in college. Paula will send all the info to Diane so Michelle's mother can be reimbursed for the plane ticket. Michelle will make a presentation to the Board on her experience.

These were the only two requests taken care of by email. It was then discussed that possibly for simple requests that email could be used more often to ensure speedy review of requests for funding. This may be easier when the Board is having difficulty meeting. The Board will discuss further in the future.

More follow up: on Thelma Franek; Paula provided her contact info for Nora at UI assistive tech grants, and they are also looking into special loans from the bank with low interest. They are pursuing various avenues to obtain their funding.

Grant proposals: VR has previously paid for tutoring and interpreting for deaf students at CSI, however they are no longer doing so. Ruth Ann Spooner and Paula Mason have submitted 6 grant proposals to various companies to try to fund a pilot program to obtain tutors and show that having a tutor brings greater success to the student. The foundation's 501(c)3 number was used. So far the proposals have been submitted to: Coca Cola, Pepsi, Whittenburg Foundation, 1<sup>st</sup> Federal and Idaho Central Credit Union. Saunia suggested that we check with large corporations such as McDonalds, Wendys, etc. Paula said some of them have grants available but that we don't always fit into their criteria. They are researching more options. Paula will forward copies of these grants if anyone wishes to read them.

Mel asked how much money per year is spent on the tutor program; Paula replied \$19 per hour, 6 hours a week, for 10 students.

The Board moved on to discussion of meeting dates; Beth has told Paula that she may have to become an adjunct Board member simply because her job does not allow her to attend on Wednesdays. Because of this, the Board discussed negotiating meeting dates as they come up so that as many Board members as possible can attend.

Paula mentioned that she would probably be bringing someone additional to the August meeting as a potential board member, Randy Warren. He is visually impaired and could bring us that perspective.

Roping: Paula has had trouble getting in touch with Lithia; is still working on it. Beth and Misti have been working on some sponsorships so far and Misti has been doing lots of other logistics to line things up. Tim's uncle owns an auto shop and would probably be interested in sponsoring. Paula also said Rod Howell should be attending our August meeting, he is Director of Student Services at ISDB, to discuss family weekend. Misti will contact Smokin Cowboys (Bob German) and find out about having them for concessions and for dinner for the families.

Diane read a thank you note that was sent by Jan Zollinger regarding the Braille machine.

Paula moved that we adjourn at 4 pm. Beth seconded and the meeting was adjourned.